

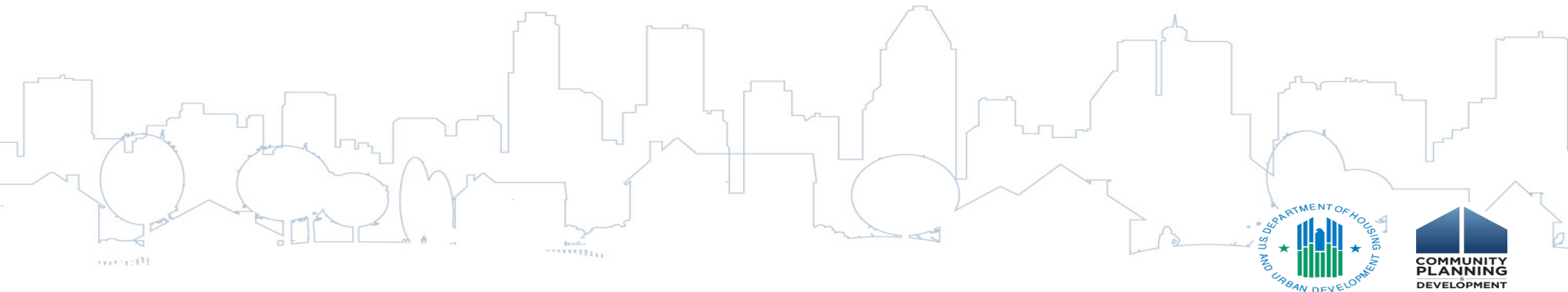


Using APR and CAPER Data to Understand your Project and System



Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Discuss how APR and CAPER data ties into other HUD reporting efforts, such as the System Performance Measures
- Identify how to review questions on the APR and CAPER to better understand a project's performance



Audience

- This training is targeted towards:
 - CoC Leadership and Collaborative Applicants
 - CoC Program Recipients
 - ESG Program Recipients
- This training may also be of benefit to:
 - HMIS Leads/System Admins
 - HMIS Vendors

This training has a prerequisite: Intro to the APR and CAPER



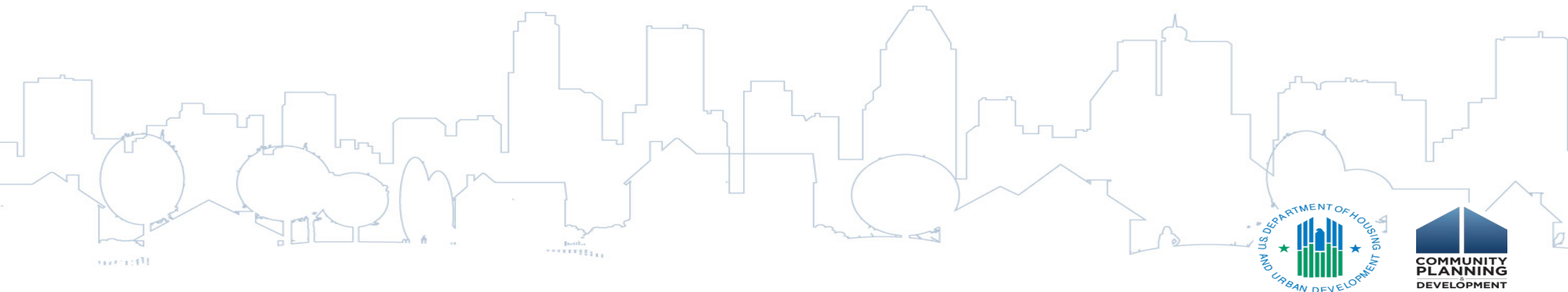
Understanding the APR and CAPER

- Project level reports that are submitted on an annual basis
 - APR is completed for CoC Program funded projects
 - CAPER is completed for ESG Program funded projects
- Reports are designed to provide an overview of how a project performed over the course of the year---outcomes focused
- **Review the *Introduction to the APR and CAPER* training**
 - Goes over all questions on the report in-depth



Using APR and CAPER Data

- Identify which APR and CAPER data contribute to:
 - Understanding system level performance, namely through the HUD system performance measurements (SPMs)
 - Understanding the performance of a project, specifically with the Project Rating and Ranking Process



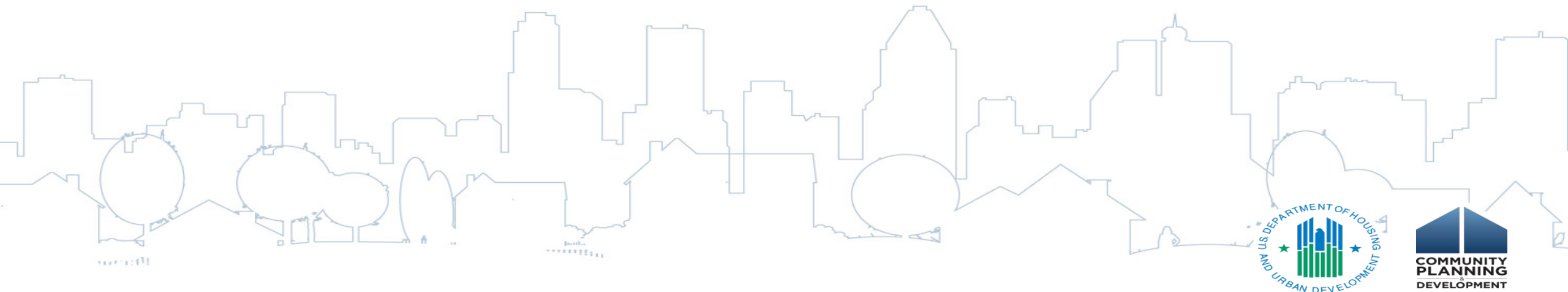
System Performance Measures (SPMs)

- Submitted each year by CoCs
- Required as part of the implementation of the HEARTH Act
- Set forth consistent and comprehensive measures to identify how well a local system is ending homelessness
- Measures include information on: length of time homeless, retention of permanent housing destinations, and increases in income



Data that Impacts the SPMs

- Data Quality of Information in HMIS
 - Missing/unknown data at the project level reduces the overall accuracy of system-level data
 - Both the APR/CAPER and SPM report include a data quality table at the start of the report, which identifies DQ rates for key elements



Data that Impacts the SPMs

- Project Type
 - Data is pulled into the SPMs based on project type
 - Improper project set up may also mean that projects do not show up in the SPM submission (e.g. Street Outreach versus Services Only projects for Measure 7a)
- HMIS Project Set Up Tool:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4898/hmis-project-set-up-tool/>



Data that Impacts the SPMs

- Income and Sources
 - Leveraged to measure changes in client income in SPMs
 - Missing income data (amount or source) will result in decreased accuracy of measures that review changes in income
 - Important to ensure that income data is collected at project start date, exit date and annual assessment date

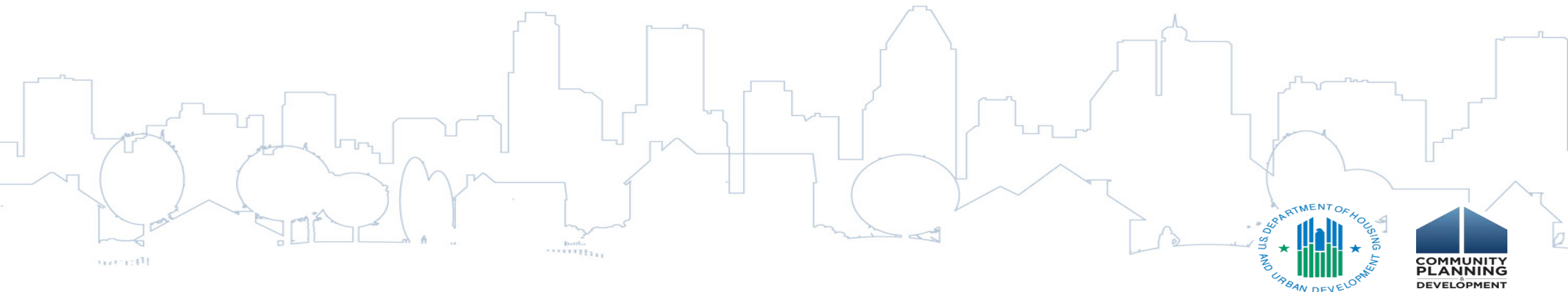
Question
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Sources



Data that Impacts the SPMs

- Project Stay Information (Start/Exit Dates, Move-in Date, Housing Type)
 - Data on length of stay greatly impacts housing outcomes in SPMs and is critical to identifying information on pathways
 - Pathways refer to the way that a person moves through the system until they achieve housing stability

Question 22:
Length of
Participation

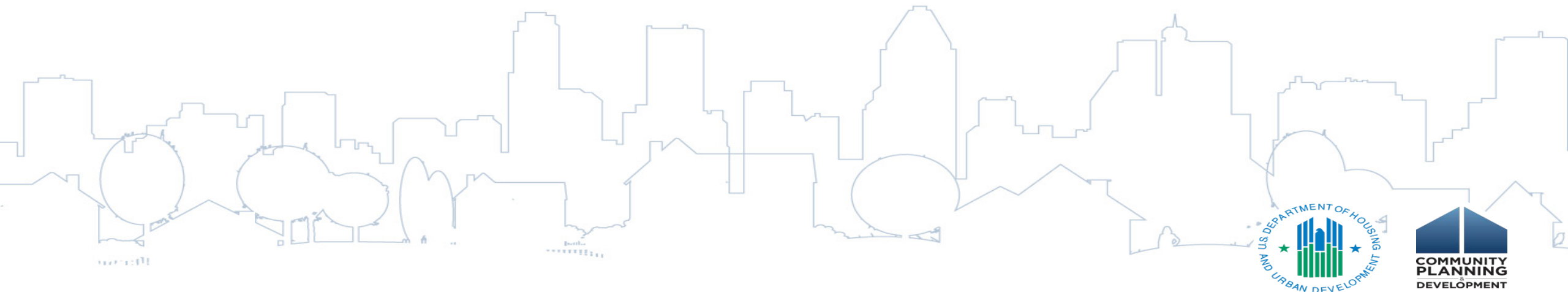


Data that Impacts the SPMs

- Destination
 - Critical to determining if clients have achieved housing stability on SPMs
 - Important to ensure that destinations, length of time in project (start date/exit date) and residential move-in date (RRH only) are accurately captured in HMIS

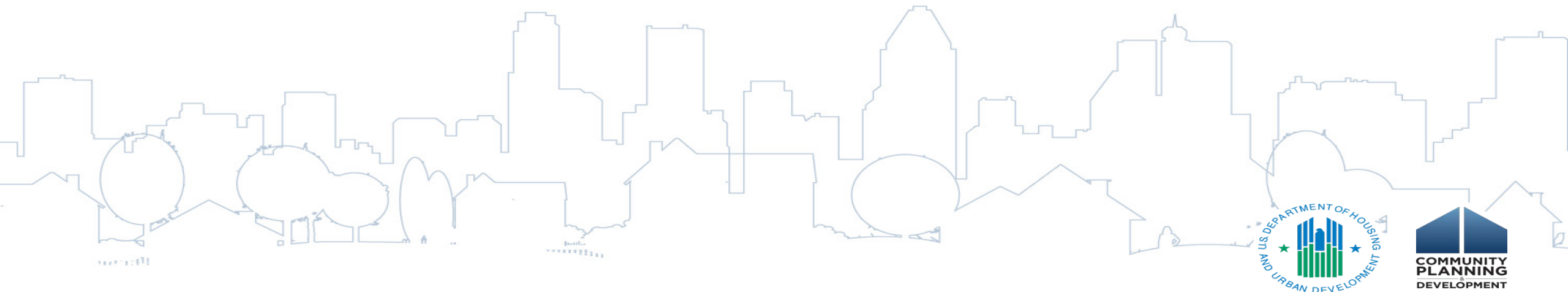


Question 23:
Exit
Destination



SPM Improvement Strategies

- All of the data discussed in this section are part of the APR and CAPER submissions
- CoCs, project and HMIS leadership should be reviewing APR and CAPER data to identify projects that are hurting and helping their SPM data



Project Rating and Ranking

- Rating and ranking process is intended to facilitate the objective and transparent assessment of both existing and new CoC program funded projects
- Data is then used by HUD to evaluate which projects to fund as part of HUD's annual CoC competition
- In August of 2018, HUD released an optional Project Rating and Ranking Tool, which leverages both Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and APR data



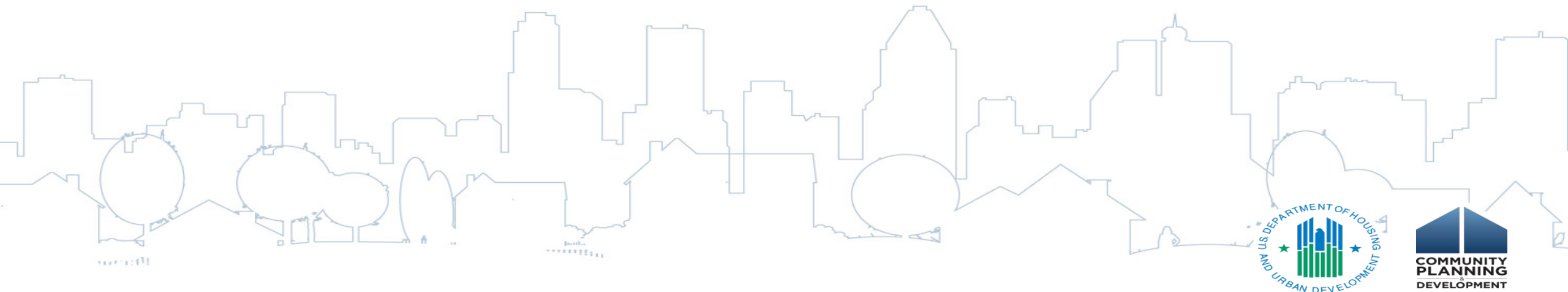
Project Rating and Ranking

- APR supports funding rating/ranking process
 - Easily accessible data (already programmed into HMIS!)
 - Provides standard metrics to evaluate projects
 - Look to the HUD NOFA for the most recent guidance on HUD expectations for project and system performance
 - Key data from APR includes: project length of stay, destination, income and target populations



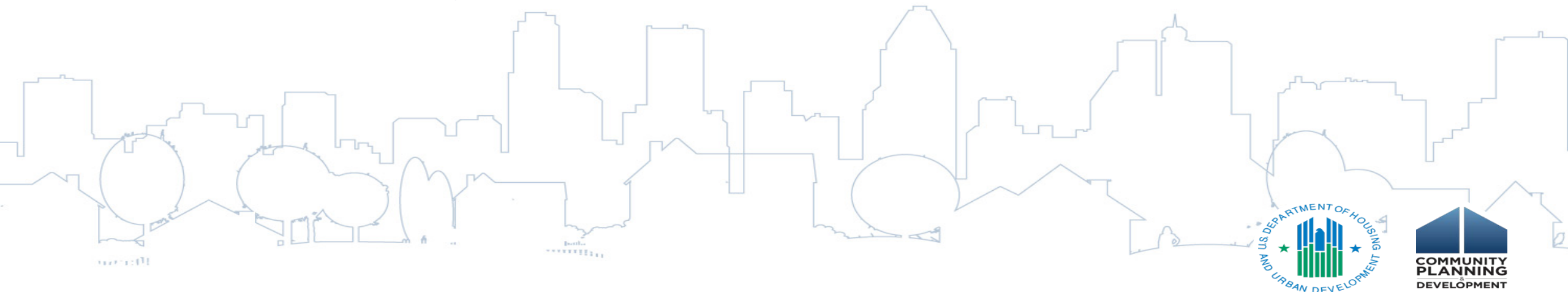
Use of ESG CAPER Data

- ESG recipients may opt to use CAPER data to better understand the performance of their projects or subrecipients
- CAPER data could be used as part of a regular monitoring and evaluation process, in collaboration with similar efforts that the CoC may be undertaking in a community



Leverage Data Year Round

- Regular Data Report cards
 - Monthly/quarterly checks on data quality
 - Let projects know how they are doing throughout year
 - Catch and correct data quality issues early
 - Share data among all key stakeholders: project staff and leadership, CoC leadership and HMIS teams



Key Resources

Sage Guidance: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/sage/>

CoC APR Guidebook: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/sage-coc-apr-guidebook-for-coc-grant-funded-programs.pdf>

ESG CAPER Guidebook: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Sage-ESG-CAPER-Guidebook-for-ESG-funded-Programs.pdf>

HUD System Performance Measures:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/#guidance>

Project Rating and Ranking Tool: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5292/project-rating-and-ranking-tool/>

Ask a Question Help Desk: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>